

Wentworth Robt.  
(841)  
Boston May 3. 1876.

May 6. 1876.

Acky recpt of Bust of  
Cummings in good condition.

perplexed as to the best  
mode of transmitting  
So small a sum as the  
amount of the little  
bills which you have  
been good enough to  
inclose received. I  
inclose my check,  
(for \$3.25) & trust you  
will have no trouble  
in getting it cashed.

Yours, respy & true,  
Robt. Wentworth.

Mr. Leachman Esq.  
Curator,



Recd. May 6/76

W Boston.  
3 May, 1876.  
90 Marlborough St.

My Dear Sir, The Best  
of my kind mean, <sup>see</sup> how  
George William Erving,  
(not Erwin) reached me  
safely this morning,  
I was soon followed  
by your obliging note  
of the 1<sup>st</sup>.

I thank you sin-  
cerely for your kind  
attention to the mat-  
ter, & I feel renewed  
gratitude to Mr. Mc-  
Guire for giving me the  
opportunity of securing  
the Best of a watered  
relative. One is always



Walters H. J.

(842)

Ball. May 4. 1876

May 5. 1876.

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Mr Avery proposes to  
send a picture, or two  
on approbation.

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Recd May 5/76

Balto 4<sup>th</sup> May 76

Dear Mr W L S O D

Avery Talked  
of Sending a Picture  
or two on approbation -  
if they reach you please  
put them aside without  
opening as I am going  
to New York tonight,  
I would like to see  
him first -

Yours

W L S O D



Boncoran W. W.

(843)

May 16. 1876.

With regard to lots  
purchased on 17<sup>th</sup> Street,  
in rear of Gallery,

Offer with regard to  
Va Bonds &c.

Resolutions of Board.

GORCORAN GALLERY OF ART

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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843  
Washington May 16. 1876

To the Trustees  
of the "Corcoran Gallery of Art"

Sent: After prolonged negotiations, in view of its great importance to the future extension and prosperity of the Institution, I have succeeded in securing the following property, at the prices named; have paid the consideration, and have had the property conveyed to you, and the Deed filed for record, viz

From W. H. Philip sub lot 28 sq. 167, \$2 per foot, \$6000.

" H. R. Richmond " 29 " " " " 6000.

" G. P. Schaffer " 30 " " 2 1/8.

including the Stable at 700 \$ . . . 9.371.25

making a total of . . . . . \$ 21.371.25

I have, also, without success, endeavored, to purchase the lot belonging to Adm Lee, being original lot 9, next to the property of the Gallery, containing about 7190 sq. feet, the purchase of which is of great importance, and should not be lost sight of.

I also propose to take \$121.900. of the



Virgo. Consul. Coupon Bonds at the market  
rate, now about 66, and substitutes the proceeds  
by a good real estate 8% mortgage of \$15000  
and other like mortgages bearing 10% interest  
per annum, and Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Bond

Very respectfully

W. W. Gorcoran



Kind, in payment of lots 28 & 29; and to pay  
~~the~~ for the lot 30 as soon as he is in funds,  
 sufficient for the purpose.

Resolved further: That ~~Mr~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Com~~ <sup>Com on the Bonds</sup> ~~Corran~~ be requested,  
 in ~~his~~ <sup>its</sup> discretion, to negotiate the purchase  
 of original lot 9 in said Lyman, at such <sup>as</sup> time  
 and price as ~~he~~ <sup>said Com</sup> may deem best; not, however,  
 to exceed two dollars per square foot.

Resolved further: That in view of these ex-  
 penditures, the Com. on Works of Art, be, and  
~~they are~~ <sup>it is</sup> hereby requested, to suspend the pur-  
 chase of works of art, until the further  
 orders of the Board.

And in view of ~~Mr~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~Corran's~~ <sup>offer</sup> proposition touching  
 the Vir. Bonds: Be it further

Resolved: That Mr. Corran's proposition  
 to take the amount named of the Virginia  
 Bonds, and substitute such of the Mortgages,  
 and Canal Bonds referred to, as he may elect,  
 be accepted, and the Treasurer is hereby  
 authorized to <sup>do</sup> what is needful in the  
 premises.

Resolved. That the letter of Mr. Corran  
 be entered on the journal.



Resolved: That, in view of his action,  
as stated in his letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> May, inst.,  
the thanks of the Board be, and they are,  
heartily, tendered to Mr. Crocker, for his con-  
tinued interest in, ~~and~~ the Institution, and that  
the purchases referred to by him be, and they  
are heartily, with his consent, assumed by the  
Trustees.

Resolved further: That the Treasurer  
refund to Mr. Crocker the amount paid  
by him for said lots, out of any money  
in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
priated.

Resolved further: That, whereas heretofore  
a larger amount of the current fund  
~~than is heretofore authorized to be used~~ <sup>has been</sup> invested and thereby become  
a part of the Investment Fund, and to  
save the necessity of a retransfer of the  
said investment fund, the Treasurer is  
heartily authorized to use \$6750 of the  
fund now at the credit of the Invest-  
ment Fund ap, with \$5250 of the current



Lane. Hamer Co. (844)

May 11. 1876

May 12/76.

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Application to  
copy.

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No. 1011-12<sup>th</sup> St. Washington -  
May 11<sup>th</sup> 1876.

To the Trustees of  
Corcoran Art Gallery -  
Gentlemen -

Being desirous  
of copying one or two of the pictures  
of the gallery, I respectfully  
make application for permission  
to do so.

I have painted for some years -  
am a member of the Ladies Art  
Association of New York, and  
am willing to subscribe to the  
Regulations which are thought  
necessary or desirable -

I wish first to copy the picture  
of "Scene in Fontainebleau" if  
there is no objection -

Very Respectfully -  
Harriet C. Lane.

Wepss Trustes Corcoran  
Art Gallery -  
Washington -



Lucas G. A.  
(Copy)

(845)

Paris. Apr 15/76.

May 4/76.

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Has purchased two water  
colors of Barye for the  
Corcoran Gallery.

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CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Recd. May 4/76

C. J. J.

Paris 15<sup>th</sup> April 76

Mr W J Walter

Dear Sir

I bought for  
the Corcoran Gallery two water  
columns of Barye —

Elephant Hunt	800
2 Lions	430
Auction Commission 5%	61.50
Francs	<u>1291.50</u>

I sat out the  
entire 6 days sale and got  
nothing else — all the Plasters  
selling, not as Plasters but as  
Models, and of course for a  
good deal more than they were  
worth to the Corcoran —  
over



Barbedienne bought the  
Plasters and most of the  
models — so they have fallen  
into the best of hands —  
but Barbedienne will  
~~not~~ sell the Bronzes  
double what Barye did,

The clerk showed me one,  
Barye's price 350 fr their  
price 800 frs — at the  
sale most of the Bronzes  
brought double + 3 + 4 times  
what Barye sold them  
at — The little Elephants  
for example 150 to 190 frs  
which you bought 45 frs,

The oil paintings which  
were poor sold badly —  
and the aquarelles as  
you see somewhat I had  
sold  $\frac{2}{3}$  of their former  
market value —

They say we are  
to have a fine Salon this  
year — & so the Administ-  
ration has asked the Govt  
for an additional num-  
ber of medals,

Respectfully

Geo A Lucas



Walters H. J.

(1846)

Baltimore

May 6. 1876.

May 7/76.

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With regard to pictures  
to be sent here by S.  
P. Avery.

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GOUGHAN GALLERY OF ART

WASHINGTON, D. C.



would like you to ask Dr  
Hall to be there —

Yours

W. S. Waller

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Balto Edw May 26

Mr. MacLeod

I was in New  
York and saw Avery yesterday  
— day — I wanted him to sub-  
— mit two other pictures  
but talk with <sup>him</sup> about prices  
before they were opened,

Please open them Mon-  
— day morning and hang  
them up as I will go  
over — The Historic  
Ghent Picture is by a  
man of noted distinction



and both for story and  
as a work of art I  
think exceedingly fine —

The "beberb," is  
a fine example of him  
"The Bull fighters story," —  
and a good gallery pic-  
-ture as the figures are  
a good size — The man  
holding a cigar in his finger  
-ers for drawing and feeling  
is one of the best figures  
I have seen of him —  
he is a man who should be  
represented in the gallery

but until this I have seen  
nothing to recommend —  
indeed it is difficult to  
get hold of anything by  
him —

The head (ideal)  
by Baker is a fine speci-  
-men —

These things are  
all only an approximation  
Though I would recommend  
them all highly as a fur-  
-chase —

I will telegraph  
you Monday the hour it  
will be at gallery and



(847)

Princeton College.

May 9, 1876,

May 10/76,

With regard to the  
package of Photographs.

Address

REV. WM. HARRIS,  
Treasurer.

Recd to Am  
May 10/76,

College of New Jersey.

Princeton, N. J., May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1876.

Wm. Medford, Esq.

Washington,

D.C.

Dear Sir,

This morning we  
were requested to sign a  
second receipt for a package  
which had been placed in  
our hands April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The package had been  
brought to our Office - as is  
the custom - but with it  
came no letter of advice  
as to the sender or as to  
what should be done with



the contents, nor did we  
know anything whatever  
concerning it until this A.M.

Your letter must have  
found its way into other  
hands. So whom do  
you refer when you speak  
of some one's having written  
you that "the package had  
not arrived"?

Any letter on the subject  
will be promptly answered  
if addressed to

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Harris, Secy  
per Secy of Penn



Schafer G. F.

(8418)

May 11. 1876.

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Authority for the  
Trustees of the Gallery  
to collect rent for the  
Stable in rear of lot  
30. - \$25 per month,

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GORGON GALLERY OF ART

WASHINGTON, D. C.



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To Thomas Kelly

The tenant of the house  
on the rear of lots 30 & 167  
will account to the Trustees  
of the American Gallery of Art  
for the rent, at \$25 per month,  
from 11<sup>th</sup> May 1876 - say  $\frac{2}{3}$   
of the month.

Washed 11 May 1876  
& Hyde will collect  
the whole month.

J. F. Shaffer



Princeton College, (849)

May 10. 1876

May 11/76,

With regard to the  
package of Photographs.

Address

REV. WM. HARRIS,  
Treasurer.

Recd May 11  
Photo sent.

College of New Jersey.

Princeton, N. J., May 10/76.

Wm. Macleod, Esq.  
Washington.

D.D.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday we wrote  
you a letter, explaining  
that we had just discovered  
whence came the package  
about which so much  
trouble to you has arisen,  
and asking the name  
of the person with whom  
you have corresponded  
concerning the same.



This morning we find that  
your letter went to Dr. H. Bush,  
and by his direction we  
inform you that the  
works of art, so kindly sent,  
will be placed in the  
E.M. Museum under charge  
of Prof. Gump.

With regret that you  
have met with so much  
inconvenience I remain

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Harris Treat

per Geo. W. Mann

P.S. Can copies of these  
pictures be purchased?

If so will you be so  
kind as to forward  
"b.l.b." "The Heir Apparent" to

Yours Respectfully

Geo. W. Mann,  
Princeton.  
J. H.



once more,

Enclosed please find  
Two  $\frac{26}{100}$  Dollars ( $\$2\frac{26}{100}$ ) in full  
for pictures & postage.

Yours Respectfully

Geo. W. Mann

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The photograph was  
destroyed in the mail.  
enclosed \$2.16. and desires  
another,

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Pamilton College (850)  
(Mann. 9. 04.) May 12, 1876,

May 13/76

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Address

REV. WM. HARRIS,  
Treasurer.

College of New Jersey.

Princeton, N. J., May 12/76.

C. S. Barbraim Esq

Asst Curator Corcoran Gallery of Art  
Washington

W. B.

Dear Sir,

The mail bag containing  
the picture "The Hair Presumptive"  
met with an accident this  
morning, and but half of  
my picture had to the pleasure  
of seeing at the Post Office,  
and that half presented a  
very sorry appearance.

Please send me another.  
I think that I deserve your  
best copy. Try the mail